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S.B. No. 600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an inventory of dams controlled by river authorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 12, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 12.053 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.053. INVENTORY OF DAMS OPERATED BY RIVER AUTHORITIES. (a) Each river authority shall provide to the commission information regarding the operation and maintenance of dams under the control of that river authority. The commission by rule shall require a river authority to provide for each dam under its control at least the following information:

(1) the location of the dam;

(2) under whose jurisdiction the dam operates;

(3) a required maintenance schedule for the dam;

(4) costs of the operation and maintenance of the dam;

and

(5) the method of finance for the operation and maintenance costs of the dam.

(b) A river authority shall submit the information required by Subsection (a) to the commission each year and in the event of a significant change in the information.

(c) The commission shall create and maintain an Internet website that contains the information collected under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.